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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **EDBAUER**

GERALD J.

Hometown: CLARENCE

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Gerald J. Edbauer served in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gerald Edbauer owned and operated G.J. Edbauer, Inc. since 1985 / His company was in the business of Sandblasting Building Exteriors / Gerald J. Edbauer passed away on 2 September 2023



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Name: EISMAN

THOMAS E.

Hometown: LANCASTER

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

After his Honorable Discharge from the US Navy, Thomas Eisman was employed by GM Powertrain until his retirement / Eisman was a member of the South Line Volunteer Fire Company / Thomas E. Eisman passed away on 2 August 2023

The USS Constellation (CV-64), a Kitty Hawk-class supercarrier, was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named in honor of the "new constellation of stars" on the flag of the United States / One of the fastest ships in the Navy, she was commissioned on 27 October 1961 and during her tests at sea, a fire occurred onboard killing four and injuring nine others / The Constellation conducted a two-month shakedown cruise in the Caribbean Sea and in the summer of 1962, Constellation was transferred to the U.S. Pacific Fleet / The Constellation's relieved the carrier Kitty Hawk on station in the Gulf of Tonkin off Vietnam on 8 June 1964, joining Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 and flew armed photo reconnaissance missions over Laos until 13 July 1964 / On 4 August 1964, Constellation launched F-4B Phantom IIs to join aircraft from the USS Ticonderoga in providing air cover over the destroyers which were attacked by North Vietnamese torpedo boats / On 5 August both carriers launched Operation Pierce Arrow, a series of air strikes on a North Vietnamese oil facility and naval vessels / CVW-14 lost two aircraft, an A-1 Skyraider, piloted by Lieutenant (junior grade) Richard C. Sather, who was killed in action (KIA), and an A-4 Skyhawk flown by Lieutenant (junior grade) Everett Alvarez Jr., who became one of the United States' first prisoners of war (POW) of the Vietnam War / Operations returned to a more normal cycle for the remainder of the deployment, and Constellation returned to San Diego on 1 February 1965, ending a nearly nine-month cruise / The USS Constellation and CVW-14 were awarded a Navy Unit Commendation (NUC) for the early August



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operations / Constellation's third combat deployment commenced in April 1967. With CVW-14 embarked, the carrier operated first on Dixie Station (a patrol area about 60 miles off South Vietnam) with strikes in the Iron Triangle region, and then moved north to Yankee Station (a patrol area about 50 miles off North Vietnam) for a total of 121 days on the line / Reflecting the intensive nature of air operations, F-4Bs of VF 142 and VF 143 accounted for four MiG kills / The eight-month deployment ended in December, having totaled losses of 16 aircraft and 20 personnel, including seven KIAs and eight POWs / Both the carrier and CVW-14 received a Navy Unit Commendation / Constellation began her fourth deployment to the western Pacific and Vietnam on 29 May 1968 / During this deployment, the Constellation and the CVW-14 team was restricted to strikes below the 20th parallel of North Vietnam as a result of a March Presidential order / On 1 November 1968, as directed by President Johnson, all bombing of North Vietnam was halted at 21:00 Saigon time / The last Navy mission over the restricted area was flown earlier in the day by Cmdr. Kenneth E. Enney in an A-7 Corsair II / Constellation returned to homeport on 31 January 1969, after flying more than 11,000 combat and support missions and dropping almost 20,000 tons of ordnance / Fifteen aircraft were destroyed, nine due to enemy action / Six aircrew members perished, five were listed as KIAs and three were taken as POW / In August 1969, the Constellation returned to Vietnam for a fifth combat deployment / Following an initial 20-day period of supporting strikes in South Vietnam as well as Laos, Constellation sailed to Defender Station in the Sea of Japan, which had been created as a result of increased tensions on the Korean Peninsula / Following a total of 128 days on the line, Constellation's nine-month deployment ended in May 1970, with CVW-14 suffering the loss of seven total aircraft, five to enemy action / One member of the aircrew was taken as a POW, but there were no fatalities / In October 1971, for what would become a historic combat deployment, the USS Constellation returned to Vietnamese waters / Air operations commenced with strikes against mainly logistic targets in Laos as well as reconnaissance missions over North Vietnam into 1972 / On 19 January 1972, the VF-96 F-4 Phantom crew of Lieutenant Randall H. "Duke" Cunningham and Lieutenant (junior grade) William P. Driscoll scored a kill against a MiG-21, the first for a Navy aircraft since The Constellation's VF-142 kill on 28 March 1970 / The carrier was nearing the end of her scheduled deployment when her tour was extended to meet the threat posed by the North Vietnamese Easter Offensive / Initial air strikes in support of ground troops were followed by a new, more intensive series of air strikes against major targets in North Vietnam / The nine-month deployment ended on 1 July 1971, the carrier having spent 154 days off Vietnam / Seven aircraft were lost, two aircrewmembers were reported KIA and two became POWs / The Constellation and the CVW-9 team received the Presidential Unit Citation for their outstanding efforts / In January 1973, Constellation headed back to Southeast Asia / The Paris Peace Accords took effect on 28 January 1973, but CVW-9 aircraft continued to strike targets in Laos until a cease-fire in that country was called on 21 February 1973 / the USS Constellation, which had been on station at the beginning of combat operations in Vietnam in 1964, was on station at the end, nine years later / The remainder of the nine-month deployment consisted largely of flights in support of mine-clearing operations in North Vietnam / Upon her return in October 1973, Constellation enjoyed a nine-month workup cycle, and departed in June 1974 for her first peacetime deployment in 10 years / On 23 November 1974, she became the first carrier to enter the Persian Gulf since 1949 / The six-month cruise ended on 24 December 1974 / On 11 January 1995, the Constellation battle group entered the Persian Gulf to take up station in support of Operation Southern Watch (OSW), enforcing the no-fly zone over southern Iraq / Constellation's next deployment, from 1 April to 1 October 1997, included a return to the Persian Gulf for Southern Watch, now under control of the United States Fifth Fleet / In over 10 weeks of operating in the Gulf, CVW-2 flew more than 4,400 sorties, with well over 1,000 Southern Watch sorties / On 28 August 1999, she entered the Persian Gulf and in ten weeks conducted more than 5,000 sorties and 1,256 OSW sorties / This period was highlighted by air strikes against two Iraqi radar stations and an attempt by VF-2 to engage an Iraqi jet with the long-range Phoenix air-to-air



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missile on 14 September 1999 / CVW-2 aircraft engaged in nine specific ordnance-dropping air strikes while in the Persian Gulf / The battle group departed the Persian Gulf on 5 November 1999 / In November 2002, the Constellation prepared for her final deployment and the opportunity to fight in the Global War on Terrorism / On 19 March 2003, with two carriers in the eastern Mediterranean and three in the gulf, Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced / The USS Constellation was designated a night carrier and remained on station throughout the major ground combat phase / She launched more than 1,500 sorties and CVW-2 aircraft delivered over 1.7 million pounds of ordnance / While one aircraft was lost in an operational mishap, there were no fatalities / After 41 years of commissioned service, USS Constellation was decommissioned at the Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego on 7 August 2003 / The Constellation was scrapped at Brownsville, Texas starting in early 2015 / She was towed around Cape Horn on her final voyage / The carrier arrived at her final resting place in Brownsville on 16 January 2015 and scrapping was completed on 10 May 2017



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Name: ELLIS

DAVID W.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-4

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

623RD QUARTERMASTER COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Specialist E-4 David W. Ellis served in Vietnam with the 623rd Quartermaster Company

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons , etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world / More than 32,000 officers, officer cadets and key enlisted personnel received their training at the Quartermaster School between 1 July 1940 and 3 December 1945 / The physical conditioning of entrants was emphasized from the beginning of the training program / In addition, the rigorous military training entailed learning to use all armed methods of protection, crawling through simulated battlefields, taking refuge in foxholes (of their own digging), making technical decisions regarding rations, and learning every aspect of ammunition supply points (ASPs)

Constituted 3 February 1944 in the Army of the United States as the 623d Quartermaster Railhead Company / Activated 20 April 1944 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana / Inactivated 20 April 1946 in Japan / Redesignated 20 November 1948 as the 623d Quartermaster Base Depot Company and allotted to the Organized Reserve Corps / Withdrawn 16 November 1951 from the Organized Reserve Corps and allotted to the Regular Army; concurrently redesignated as the 623d Quartermaster Company / Activated 12 December 1951 at Fort Benning, Georgia / Inactivated 20 December 1968 in Vietnam / The 623d Quartermaster Company participated in several counteroffenses including the Tet Counteroffensive / The 623rd received the Meritorious Unit Commendation



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for their service in Vietnam 1967-1968



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Name: ELLIS

NELSON J.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-4

Year Entered: 1964

Year Discharged: 1966

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", T. C. BATTALION, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

2 OVERSEAS BARS

NATIOANL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Corporal (SP-4) Nelson John Ellis served as a Light Transportation Helicopter Mechanic

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Nelson J. Ellis was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

The 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team") is a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army / It is based at Fort Hood, Texas and was was formed in 1921 and served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan and in Operation Freedom's Sentinel / The unit is unique in that it has served as a horseback cavalry division until 1943, an infantry division, an air assault division and an armored division during its existence

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements

An Overseas Service Bar indicates a soldier has served six months of service in a combat zone / Service Bars are cumulative, in that each bar worn indicates another six-month period / Time spent overseas is also cumulative, meaning one bar could be earned for two separate deployments totaling six months



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Name: **ELLSWORTH**
ROY F.

Hometown: WEST FALLS

Address:

- Vietnam Era
- Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank: E-4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1974

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

- Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Specialist 4th Class Roy F. Ellsworth served in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Roy F. Ellsworth passed away on 12 April 2019

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The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award



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Name: ENGLER

JACK

H.

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: SSGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/1 BRONZE SERVICE STAR

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS MEDAL W/PALM

AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Jack H. Engler served in Vietnam

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Jack H. Engler passed away on 18 February 2023

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The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, also known as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross or Vietnam Cross



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of Gallantry is a military decoration of the former Government of South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) / The medal was created on August 15, 1950 and was awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations in recognition of deeds of valor or heroic conduct while in combat with the enemy / Individuals who received the medal, ribbon, and a citation were personally cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level / The United States military began authorizing the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961 / Gallantry Cross with Palm: cited at the Armed Forces level

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is one of the unit awards of the United States Air Force / It was established in 1954 and was the first independent Air Force decoration created / The Outstanding Unit Award is awarded to any unit of the U.S. Air Force (including the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard) which performs exceptionally meritorious service, accomplishes specific acts of outstanding achievement, excels in combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States, or conducts with distinct military operations involving conflict with, or exposure to, a hostile action by any opposing foreign force

The Air Force Commendation Medal was authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force on March 28, 1958, for award to members of the armed forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force after March 24, 1958, shall have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement and service / The degree of merit must be distinctive, though it need not be unique / Acts of courage which do not involve the voluntary risk of life required for the Airman's Medal may be considered for the Air Force Commendation Medal

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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to any active duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Name: ERNST JR.

CHESTER R.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: 132 BRIERWOOD DRIVE

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E-5

Year Entered: 1967

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL COMPANY (WOQ5MD), VALLEY FORGE GENERAL HOSPITAL, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

3 OVERSEAS BARS

EXPERT BADGE: RIFLE

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/60 DEVICE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Sergeant Chester Raymond Ernst Jr. served as a Payroll Disbursement Specialist

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester R. Ernst Jr. was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2940

Valley Forge General Hospital is a former military hospital in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania / The hospital was near both Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Valley Forge. It was the only United States Army General Hospital named for a place / The hospital was built in 1942, and opened on Washington's Birthday in 1943 to care for the wounded of World War II / It became the largest military hospital in the United States. Eventually, the hospital had well over 3,000 patients and over 100 separate buildings / During the Vietnam War, patients were flown into McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey / Army patients would then be moved by Air Force ambulance bus to Walson Army Hospital at the adjacent Fort Dix, where they would be further prepared for movement, typically by Army ambulance buses if they were moving to Valley Forge / In 1969, the 212th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) was activated at Fort Meade, Maryland / One of its primary missions was to transport patients from Fort Dix, New Jersey to Valley Forge / The need was clearly there; between January 1, 1968 and September 30, 1970, 7,033 patients were moved from Dix to the Valley Forge General Hospital / On April 17, 1973, it was announced that the hospital would be closing / The Valley Forge General Hospital was placed in an



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inactive status effective 31 March 1974, by Department of the Army

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Name: **EVERETT**

GREGORY T.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch:

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gregory T. Everett passed away on 4 July 2022



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Name: **EXUM**

JIMMIE

R.

Hometown: **BUFFALO**

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: **AIR FORCE**

Rank:

Year Entered: **1963**

Year Discharged: **1967**

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Deacon Jimmie R. Exum passed away at the age of 79 years of age on 5 February 2023